

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1230 without my signature.

This bill directs the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank) to establish a program that provides low interest loans for air quality projects in the San Joaquin Valley.

I support creative options aimed at reducing air pollution, however, this bill requires emission reductions for stationary sources that exceed federal standards by 30 percent, retrofit projects must be completed 50 percent sooner. These overly prescriptive requirements will prevent intended recipients from qualifying. Additionally, this bill does not contain a funding source. With these requirements and no funding this bill would do nothing to clean the Valley's air.

The San Joaquin Valley Partnership is currently developing a comprehensive action plan to address the Valley's air pollution challenges. Following the release of that plan, I look forward to working with local air district and the Legislature to fully implement the action items.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger